

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 27 of the First Extraordinary Session  
By Naifeh

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mr. Grant Shipley upon being selected as the 1999 Principal of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Secondary School Principals.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary professionals who have dedicated their careers to making secondary education a relevant and productive learning experience; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grant Shipley, principal at Brighton High School in Tipton County, is one such remarkable person, who is a voice of integrity in education; and

WHEREAS, Grant Shipley has recently been selected 1999 Principal of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Secondary School Principals, an honor most befitting his meritorious service to education and his devotion to the students at Brighton High School; and

WHEREAS, Grant Shipley has served his school with enthusiasm, industry and singular acumen; and

WHEREAS, he truly personifies the spirit of this prestigious award by inspiring his peers to imagine a better future and create a better world and by encouraging excellence in his faculty and students; and

WHEREAS, after attending Northwest Community College, Mr. Shipley enrolled at the University of Mississippi and received a Bachelor of Science degree with an emphasis in

Education in 1972; he received his Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision from the University of Memphis in 1984; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Mr. Grant Shipley joined the Tate County, Mississippi School System, where he served expertly as a Teacher, Coach and Principal. He was the Assistant Principal and Coach at Ripley High School in Lauderdale County from 1976-1986, and he served with alacrity and acumen as the Assistant Principal and Coach with the Desoto County, Mississippi School System from 1986-1995; and

WHEREAS, Principal Shipley has demonstrated his proficiency as an administrator, educator and communicator through his membership on the NASSP, TASSP, MASSP, and the Dyersburg State Community College Board, and he serves with acumen on the Advisory Committee for the Administration Graduation Program at the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, in the true spirit of the Volunteer State, he has also generously contributed his time and talents to the Toys for Tots as a member of the Jaycees, the Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Benefit, the Heart to Heart Walkathon, and the American Cancer Society Walkathon, and he serves with alacrity as a member of the Building Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was deservedly honored as Young Educator of the Year in 1982, as a STAR Teacher in 1989, and as NASSP Assistant Principal of the Year in 1995; he received an Instructional Leadership Award in 1993 for his excellence as an educator and role model for young people; and

WHEREAS, Principal Shipley is widely sought after as a speaker and has written numerous articles for scholarly publications, and he has adroitly made many presentations on educational topics; and

WHEREAS, a positive thinker and visionary, Mr. Grant Shipley has attended numerous conferences and forums to further his many professional and personal goals; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely patient and giving person who motivates his faculty and students to reach their full potential, perhaps the greatest of all teaching gifts; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and friend, Grant Shipley is the perfect example of a person totally committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service, and he should be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Principal Grant Shipley on being chosen as 1999 Principal of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Secondary School Principals, commend his meritorious service to education and the students of Brighton High School, salute his expertise and dedication as an administrator, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.